answer is sufficiently explicit or not, these are all points that do not arise during question time.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Because this concerns a Member of this House. If it is a comment, I shall sit down.

President.—Mr. Chanchan is a Member of this House. It is an undisputed fact. He referred to it, that is all.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—May I know whether the Police officer, who was punished, was given a chance to cross-examine witnesses who gave evidence against him ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I did not catch the question.

President.—Was the constable given a chance to cross-examine witnesses who gave evidence against him ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The answer is given.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Why was he not given a chance ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The reason is also given there.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—So the party concerned in such cases is never allowed to cross-examine witnesses ?

President.—The answer is there.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—So, am I to understand that it is usual?

President.—Yes. It seems to be a regular cross-examination.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Well, Sir, I did not ask this question simply to find my name printed in the answer paper; I have put this question with a certain purpose and to elicit certain information. It is to elucidate that information that I put all these supplementary questions. It is not simply for the sake of putting questions. It is strictly not a cross-examination.

Cheruvirutti Ayurvedic Hospital.

618. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table of the House the office copy of the letter referred to by the Secretary to the Diwan in answer to the supplementary questions to question No. 473 of the Legislative Session of 1102 to the effect that the contribution of Rs. 30,000 to the Cheruvirutti Ayurvedic Hospital was saddled with the restriction that it was payable only for a fixed period of time ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes ; it is placed on the Council Table.

Perincheri Church School.

619. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the sanction of the Director of Public Instruction was obtained for dismissing Messrs. T. K. Antony, K. A. Antony and N. Subramania Ayyar, teachers in Perincheri

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Church School, Ollur, to which grant-in-aid is given by the Government ;

(2) what were the complaints of the Manager of the school against each of these teachers and what was the explanation given by each of them to the several charges ;

(3) what are the remarks of the Inspector of Schools in the matter of the Manager's complaints ;

(4) had the Inspector of Schools conducted any local inquiry ; if so, when and who were all present for the inquiry and what was the result of the inquiry ;

(5) has the Director of Public Instruction made any inquiry in the matter ; if so, when and what are his observations ;

(6) had the teachers put in any complaint on 25th Kumbham 1102; if so, what was the complaint and what is the report of the Inspector on the same;

(7) was the Head of the Department consulted by, or notices dispensing the services of these teachers were issued to them by, the Manager ; if so, when and what are the orders of the Director of Public Instruction issued in the matter ;

(8) when did the Manager submit the staff list for the school year 1102 to 1103; when was it approved by the Department ; if not approved, why was it not approved ;

(9) why is it that no grant was given to this school in 1103;

(10) has the Government taken any action in a petition addressed to His Highness the Maharaja by the guardians of the pupils of this school ; if so, what is it ;

(11) how was this matter finally closed ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) No.

(2) The complaints against T. K. Antony were:—(1) Insubordination to the Headmaster and Manager. (2) Severe punishment of children. (3) Negligence in teaching work. (4) Living too far away from the school and consequently not finding time to pay visits to pupils.

K. A. Antony : (1) Insubordination to superiors and neglect of work. (2) Constant leave taking and consequent dislocation of work in the school.

N. Subramania Ayyar : (1) Severe punishment of children. (2) Being a tobacco license holder and dealer. (3) Scandalous talk in class.

It was explained by T. K. Antony that he was put up at Chevoor in his sister's house which was not more than 2 miles from the school. K. A. Antony produced a medical certificate to show that he was physically fit and N. Subramania Ayyar, though he held a license in his name, reported that the business was actually conducted by his brother-in-law. The other charges were denied by all.

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(3) The Inspector was of opinion that the Headmaster whom the Manager chose to retain was quite as responsible as the assistant teachers for the unsatisfactory condition of the school.

(4) The Inspector visited the school on the re-opening date in Edavam 1102 and examined the Headmaster, but did not summon any of the signatories in the petition and the counter-petition. He was convinced that the Headmaster was equally responsible, if not more, for the unsatisfactory state of affairs and that if he could be retained there was equal justification for the retention of the others.

(5) The Director visited the school several times. On 21st Medam 1103 he found that the school was in a very bad condition and that the new Manager was trying to improve matters which the teachers did not relish.

(6) No petition was received dated 25th Kumbham 1102 but on 4th Meenam 1102 two of the above teachers put in one regarding the disbursement of their salaries. As regards the report of the Inspector on the petition information is being collected.

(7) The teachers were given notices before they were relieved from the school. On a local enquiry, the Director was satisfied that the teachers were responsible for the unsatisfactory condition of the school and the changes made by the Manager in the staff were temporarily approved, the dismissal of the teachers being converted to suspension for a year. The Headmaster was also ordered to be suspended for a year.

(8) The staff list for the school year 1102 to 1103 was submitted in Edavam 1102 and it was approved with necessary modifications in Dhanu 1103.

(9) The grant of the school was kept under suspension for some time owing to reported irregularities ; but when matters were set right it was restored in Dhanu 1103.

(10) Yes. The Director was ordered to conduct an independent inquiry as required by S. O. No. 75 (2) and to dispose of the case in the light of the facts disclosed at the inquiry.

(11) Suspension for a year was considered adequate punishment to the three teachers and the Manager was directed to re-entertain them on the expiry of this period. The Headmaster was also suspended for a like period. The Manager re-entertained the thrown out teachers from the beginning of the school year 1103—1104.

Article in the Mahati Newspaper.

620. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the attention of the Government was

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